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For: TIMED DUAL RELEASE DOSAGE FORMS  
COMPRISING A SHORT ACTING HYPNOTIC  
OR A SALT THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-14, 16, 19-23, and 26, cancel claims 15, 17, 18, 24, and 25,  
and add new claims 27-75 as follows before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified  
application.

Please amend claims 1-14, 16, 19-23, and 26 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a short acting hypnotic or a  
salt thereof adapted to release the short acting hypnotic over a predetermined time period,  
according to an *in vitro* profile of dissolution, comprising two release pulses, the first being  
immediate and the second being delayed by a fixed time after the administration.

2. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the first  
pulse has a maximum duration of 30 minutes.

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